

**IC 25-31.5**

**ARTICLE 31.5. PROFESSIONAL SOIL SCIENTISTS**

**IC 25-31.5-1**

Chapter 1. Applicability and Definitions

**IC 25-31.5-1-1**

**Applicability of article**

Sec. 1. This article does not apply to the following individuals:

(1) An officer or employee of:

(A) the federal government;

(B) state government; or

(C) local government;

while providing soil science services for the officer's or employee's employer.

(2) An individual engaged solely in soil science research or the instruction of soil science.

(3) An individual not engaged in the public practice of soil science.

(4) A professional engineer registered under IC 25-31 who applies soil science to the practice of engineering.

(5) A professional geologist certified under IC 25-17.6 who applies soil science to the practice of geology.

(6) A person who is a certified professional erosion and sediment control specialist (CPESC) or soil conservationist who uses soil science in making land use decisions for the conservation of soil and water resources.

(7) A professional wetlands specialist who applies soil science to make wetland delineations or determinations.

*As added by P.L.244-2001, SEC.1.*

**IC 25-31.5-1-2**

**Applicability of definitions**

Sec. 2. The definitions in this chapter apply throughout this article.

*As added by P.L.244-2001, SEC.1.*

**IC 25-31.5-1-3**

**"Board"**

Sec. 3. "Board" refers to the Indiana board of registration for soil scientists established by IC 25-31.5-2-1.

*As added by P.L.244-2001, SEC.1.*

**IC 25-31.5-1-4**

**"Public practice of soil science"**

Sec. 4. "Public practice of soil science" means the performance of service to the public in connection with soil science.

*As added by P.L.244-2001, SEC.1.*

**IC 25-31.5-1-5**

**"Registered associate soil scientist"**

Sec. 5. "Registered associate soil scientist" means an individual who is registered as an associate soil scientist under IC 25-31.5-4.  
*As added by P.L.244-2001, SEC.1.*

**IC 25-31.5-1-6**

**"Registered professional soil scientist"**

Sec. 6. "Registered professional soil scientist" means an individual who is registered as a professional soil scientist under IC 25-31.5-4.

*As added by P.L.244-2001, SEC.1.*

**IC 25-31.5-1-7**

**"Registered soil scientist"**

Sec. 7. "Registered soil scientist" means:

- (1) a registered professional soil scientist; or
- (2) a registered associate soil scientist.

*As added by P.L.244-2001, SEC.1.*

**IC 25-31.5-1-8**

**"Registration"**

Sec. 8. "Registration" means the act of registering a professional soil scientist or an associate soil scientist under IC 25-31.5-4.

*As added by P.L.244-2001, SEC.1.*

**IC 25-31.5-1-9**

**"Soil"**

Sec. 9. "Soil" means the unconsolidated mineral or organic matter on the surface of the earth that has been subjected to and influenced by genetic and environmental factors of parent material, climate (including water and temperature effects), microorganisms, and topography, all acting over time and producing a product that differs from the material from which it is derived in many physical, chemical, biological, and morphological properties and characteristics.

*As added by P.L.244-2001, SEC.1.*

**IC 25-31.5-1-10**

**"Soil science"**

Sec. 10. "Soil science" means the observation, identification, description, classification, mapping, evaluation, experimental investigation, and theoretical explanation of soils.

*As added by P.L.244-2001, SEC.1.*

**IC 25-31.5-1-11**

**"Soil scientist"**

Sec. 11. "Soil scientist" means an individual who, by the individual's knowledge of the principles of soil science acquired by professional education and practical experience, is qualified to practice soil science.

*As added by P.L.244-2001, SEC.1.*

**IC 25-31.5-1-12**

**"State chemist"**

Sec. 12. "State chemist" refers to the state chemist appointed under IC 15-3-3-2.

*As added by P.L.244-2001, SEC.1.*